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REQUEST FOR DIVISIONAL APPLICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)

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This is a request for filing a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) of prior pending application number 09/543,076 filed on April 5, 2000 entitled MITRAL AND TRICUSPID VALVE REPAIR by the following inventors:

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1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior patent application containing 29 pages of specification, 5 pages of claims and 11 sheets of formal drawings, and 1 page of abstract. Also enclosed are copies of the Declaration and any amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application. (It is noted that no amendments referred to in the oath or declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein.)
2. Cancel original claims 1-20, 22-27, 29-36, 38, 39, 41, 42, and 44-50 of this application before calculating the filing fee. (At least one original independent claim must be retained for filing purposes.)
3. A preliminary amendment is enclosed. (Claims added by this amendment have been properly numbered consecutively beginning with the next number after the highest numbered original claim in the prior application.)
4. Please amend the specification by inserting the following paragraph after the title:

This application is a divisional of application serial number 09/543,076, filed April 5, 2000, which will issue as Patent Number 6,695,866 on February 24, 2004 which is a divisional of serial number 09/115,820, filed July 15, 1998, which issued as Patent Number 6,165,183 on December 26, 2000. The application is incorporated herein by reference.

5. Small entity status
 - a. A small entity statement is enclosed.
 - b. A small entity statement was filed in the prior non provisional application.
 - c. is no longer claimed.

The filing fee is calculated below

CLAIMS				
	Number Filed	Number Extra	Rate	Fee
Total Claims	5	0	X \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Indep. Claims	2	0	X \$86.00	\$ 0.00
Multiply Dependent Claims				\$ 0.00
			Basic Fee	\$ 770.00
			TOTAL	\$ 770.00

6. Payment of fees
 - A check in the amount of \$770.00 is enclosed.
 - Please charge Deposit Account Number 50-1038.
 - Is deferred
7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fees required under 37 C.F.R. §1.16-1.18 to Deposit Account Number 50-1038.

8. The priority of application number , filed , is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.
 A certified copy has been filed in prior application number , filed .

9. The prior application is assigned of record to St. Jude Medical, Inc. recorded at reel 910729 and frame 0173.

10. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventor named in the prior application. Please delete the following inventors named in the prior nonprovisional application.

11. An Information Disclosure Statement and Form PTO 1449 are enclosed.

12. New Correspondence Address

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13. Address all correspondence to Hallie A. Finucane.

14. A petition to extend the term in the prior application from to is enclosed. A check in the amount of for the above reference extension is enclosed.

15. Also enclosed:

16. A return postcard is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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